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FOL NDJAMENA 0429 SENT ACTION SECSTATE CAIRO DIA KHARTOUM

KINSHASA MOSCOW NIAMEY PARIS TRIPOLI VALLETTA FEB 1, 1978

REPEATED TO YOU QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L NDJAMENA 0429

VALETTA FOR MOOSE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, MOPS

SUBJECT: MILITARY ACTIVITY IN CHAD

REF: NDJAMENA 0413

1. SUBSEQUENT TO MY COMMENTS IN REFTEL, I SAW FRENCH THE

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AMBASSADOR WHO CONFIRMED THAT MALLOUM HAD ASKED PRESIDENT
GISCARD D'ESTAING FOR DIRECT FRENCH MILITARY INTERVENTION.
HE ADDED THAT SIMILAM REQUEST HAD BEEN SENT TO MOBUTO AND
PMOBABLY SADAT.

2. AMBASSADOR SAID THAT REBELS WERE ALREADY WITHIN CONFINES
OF FAYA LARGEAU, AND THAT HE DOUBTED IF GARRISON WOULD

HOLD OUT FOR LONG. HE CONFIRMED THAT FRENCH INVESTIGATIVE TEAM HAD ESTABLISHED THAT SAM 9 MISSILES WERE USED IN DOWNING OF TWO PLANES OVER THE WEEKEND, AND THAT THEY WERE CONVINCED THAT REGULAR MILITARY, AS OPPOSED TO REBEL TRIBESMEN, WERE INVOLVED. HE ADDED AS AN ASIDE THAT TEAM EVEN THOUGH MILITARY MORE SOPHISTICATED THAN LIBYANS MIGHT BE INVOLVED. IN VIEW OF PRESENCE OF SAM 9 MISSILES, FIGHTER-O BOMBERS AND HELICOPTERS, AND TRANSPORT PLANES, ARE NOT BEING USED IN FAYA ENGAGEMENT. TOIS IN ITSELF WOULD DOOM THE GARRISON AS ALL RESUPPLY HAS BEEN BY AIR.

3. IN PASSING, AMBASSADOR NOTED THAT JUNE ATTACK ON BARDAI HAD BEEN IMMEDIATELY PRECEDED BY QADHAFI OFFER OF NEGOTIATIONS, AND THAT PRESENT ATTACK HAD LIKEWISE BEEN IMMEDIATELY PRECEDED BY NIAMEY OFFER TO MEET MALLOUM. HE SAID QADHAFI MADE 1941 JAPANESE LOOK LIKE PICKERS. BRADFORD UNQUOTE VANCE

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